

TRIBUTE TO MIDWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students, parents, and faculty of Midwood High School at Brooklyn College. On May 22, 1998, the United States Department of Education selected the school as one of 166 winners of the Blue Ribbon Award. These outstanding individuals have not been celebrated as sports heroes and entertainment celebrities; but a tradition of academic excellence has been established at Midwood High School. These students, parents and educators have tirelessly dedicated themselves to achieving academic excellence that is necessary to prepare our young people for the challenges of the next century.

Midwood High School at Brooklyn College, a secondary school of 4,000 students in Brooklyn, New York, is located in a middle class, urban environment. It is a model school of academic excellence within an integrated instructional setting. The student population consists of 43% African American students, 10% Latino students, 17% Asian students, and 30% students of other nationalities. Students wishing to attend Midwood High School may apply to one of three programs: the Medical Science Institute, the Humanities Program, and the Collegiate Program.

Mr. Speaker, I feel some degree of personal pride in this achievement. For the last five years I have been a guest of the annual Midwood Student Congress. At their Congress students debate issues and take votes. A bill to greatly increase taxes on tobacco won a narrow victory this year. This activity is just one more example of the comprehensive excellence of the program at Midwood.

During the 1986-87 school year, Midwood High School was named a School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. In 1994, the school was also selected by Redbook Magazine as one of America's fifty outstanding high schools. Of the 1997 graduating class:

Ninety-eight percent of the students went to college.

Over seventy percent of the students earned Regents endorse diplomas.

The school's SAT mean scores were significantly above the national mean.

The school was rated as one of the top fifty high schools in America by the College Board Advanced Placement Program.

Students were awarded \$28 million in college scholarships.

For the fourth year in a row, Midwood ranked among the ten top schools in the nation in the Westinghouse Research Competition.

Sixty-four students were ranked Advanced Placement scholars by the College Board.

Two Midwood seniors were selected as National Merit finalists.

Ten Midwood students received commended status in the 1997 Achievement Program.

The National Council of Teachers of English presented a writing achievement award to a Midwood senior—the tenth year in a row that this prestigious award was presented to Midwood High School.

In the New York Academy of Science 1997 Science and Technology Expo, eight Midwood students received awards.

Ten students received awards in a science competition sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation.

University students at Midwood High School are enriched in various ways by the academic and physical resources of Brooklyn College:

They are encouraged to enroll in courses at the college campus, if qualified.

They have the opportunity to use the college library.

They participate in appropriate college cultural and career programs.

They conduct research under the tutelage of college professors.

They take Midwood High School laboratory classes on the college campus.

They hear distinguished scholars from the college who visit Midwood as guest lecturers.

We must create an atmosphere where our students are inspired and given incentives to strive for excellence. I salute Midwood High School for their outstanding academic performance. Each student, teacher and parent is part of a process of creating an environment in America where education is exalted, where academics and intellectual activities are raised to a new level.

Midwood High School students are provided with a great Opportunity-To-Learn and they use it well. We salute Principal Lewis Frohlich and all of the teachers and students of Midwood High School.

IN HONOR OF WARWICK H.
JENKINS

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Warwick H. Jenkins of Waxahachie, Texas, in celebration of his 50th anniversary as a licensed and practicing attorney.

Mr. Jenkins grew up in Waco, Texas, and attended college at Baylor University. When America entered World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army, left Baylor, and served his country in the European theater. Mr. Jenkins participated in the landing at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and the crossing of the Rhine. He returned to Baylor after the war, and attended law school there on the G.I. Bill. Mr. Jenkins graduate from law school in 1948, and moved 64 miles north of Waco to Waxahachie in order to begin his practice. Mr. Jenkins is the founder and president of Jenkins & Jenkins, P.C.

Mr. Jenkins has also found time in his busy work schedule to become an active member of his community. He teaches Sunday school at the First Baptist Church, served as City Attorney for Waxahachie, and is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. He has also been active on all political levels, having served as Democratic County Chair and as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Jenkins is the father of four children, Jim, John, Laura, and Clay, and eight grandchildren.

My fellow colleagues, please join me and his family in recognizing Mr. Warwick H. Jen-

kins, an outstanding attorney and active member of his community.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMMANUEL
BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO,
OH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the many contributions that Emmanuel Baptist Church has made to my district during the past 100 years of existence. Founded as the Oakwood Baptist Church in 1898 and merged with Heston Street Baptist Church in 1911, the congregation moved to its current location, on Laskey Road, in 1961. The Church established a school in 1967 and grew, grade by grade, until a new high school building was built in 1978. This school can now be proud of an enrollment over 400.

The Church ministers to community members of all ages; from a weekly club, AWANA, for preschool through sixth grade, to a part-time visitation pastor, Rev. Charles Vermilyea, who calls on those hospitalized or with special needs. Other ministries include Ladies Alone for widows, Shepherds Ministry for those mentally handicapped, and Campus Bible Fellowship for students at the University of Toledo. Their charity does not stop there, as 20% of the weekly offerings go to missionary endeavors.

The activities of the Church also extend far beyond the boundaries of my district. In fact, this Anniversary celebration began with plans to build a new auditorium for a mission church in Crato, Brazil. Dozens of parishioners traveled to Brazil to assist in the building of the auditorium.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church has been a meaningful part of our community for over 100 years, and we hope for just as many years to come. Let us offer prayer and honor to the members of Emmanuel Baptist Church just as they have offered prayer and honor to the members of our community for a century.

TRIBUTE TO MELVIN JACOBSON

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN
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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of volunteerism and community service as personified by an individual in my congressional district.

We've all met such people in our personal and professional lives, people who have made the act of giving of themselves almost second nature. We soon recognize them in our communities, even if we may not always know them personally, because we see them on one day cooking pancakes at a benefit breakfast, and perhaps on the next evening we may see them serving as an auxiliary traffic police officer at an event like a parade.

Gogebic County in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is blessed with such a volunteer and community servant. Mr. V. Melvin Jacobson